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"Help, Help! Let up on Taxes!" is the first suggestion, or confession that has ever come from a California newspaper to the effect that life is at all burdensome in any way in that wonderful commonwealth. It also hints at "hard times" in Los Angeles for when boom times, or good ones, are on the carpet, taxes are among the last things that anybody thinks about.

With the football coaches getting ready for business, matters are row about in shape for the fall opening of the higher educational institutions.

All of Texas that the Mexican bandits will be able to annex could be neatly placed in the cavity of a small

Those who were insisting that the European war could not possibly be of lengthy duration because of the fi-"impossibilities" involved, also seem to have another guess coming. Germany's powers-that-be have just voted another mere bagatelle of money, only two billion dollars this time, to meet their war expenses for the remainder of this year.

Pointed out by the Chicago Herald: Seven out of eight nations have agreed on a definite plan to quiet Mexico The eighth nation is Mexico.

Neither must it be forgotten that there are wars within the war in Europe. For example, while Italy is pretty well up to her neck in the contest she is not yet at war with Turkey. But the Italians and the Turks are making such furious faces at each other right now, that they are likely to declare war against each other at any time, and this, notwithstanding the fact, that both of them already have their hands full.

cellation of big orders for American are ready to practice polygamy as a wheat from divers of the European belligerents comprise merely a trick after the war is over. She says that of the wheat speculators to force down the European women say that they

was doomed for a sorry failure. Does anybody ever predict anything that

a vast crazy-quilt patchwork of unrelated, rigid statutes that tie the the intricate workings by reason of hands of the judge, that set the lawyer which unpleasant people are against him, and that thwart instead angels of light, we should probably at facilitate justice. Virginia, the mother of common-law procedure But it is all as tangled as the monemodified by statute, and New York, tary system, and only a few strong the mother of code pleading wholly made by statute, have both unanimously renounced and denounced their evil offspring, and are arranging to authorize their respective supreme courts to prepare and to put into effect and to improve from time to time complete, correlated, scientific system of rules for the regulation of trial

Evidently the Germans have the dea that the driving on the road to tave happened in times past to inaders who have chased the Russian ear too close to his lair.

In an editorial under the caption 'Considering Peace," the Chicago Tribune says, in an evident attempt to analyze the primal cause of the Euro pean war: "The cosmic compreheasion may be content with attributing the debacle to the sex impulse which can set the barnyard in a flurry of feathers, or to modern nerves which break under tension, or to the natural and inherent provocativeness and elligerency of animalism from which humans are not exempt." However, the Tribune is kind enough to announce a little later on in the same article that "the rhetoric of the war is ver." So the offense probably will not be repeated; and, for which there is much thanksgiving, undoubtedly, among the Tribune's fans.

Nor is old man Carranza without a sense of rare humor, as is indicated by his suggestion that the United States tackle a real job and concern itself with the pacification of Europe

## A ROOMERANG POSSIBLY

Some of the enthusiasm in this sec ion of the country over the refusal of the interstate commerce commission to grant the western railroads the increases they asked for in grain, live tock and other rates, might possibly be misplaced. If the operations of tion to withstand it, the heading for an extended editorial the railroads should not be sufficiently in a recent issue of the Los Angeles profitable to permit them to improve Times. And this, in all probability, is and extend their lines and facilities, the cost to the people in the territory they tap would be far more burdensome than would be the increases in rates that they sought

> No wonder the Kansas "blue sky" law is held in light esteem in certain quarters that it is needless to specify An estimate has it that under the workings of this law the annual losses of Kansas "easy marks" have failen from \$4,000,000 to \$100,000

### IT'S LEGAL, BUT IS IT RIGHT? According to Attorney General

Brewster, Supreme Court Justice Dawson has a legal right to the rather magnificent fee given to him while he was attorney general by the receivers of the Kansas Natural Gas company. Mr. Brewster points out that this fee went to Mr. Dawson for services he rendered as a lawyer, not as the state's can all learn a lesson from the sun. attorney general, to the gas company's It does a lot of shining without makreceivership. But it will probably continue to strike most folk as unusual tinue to strike most folk as unusual would put as much energy on a pitch-that it was proper for Justice Dawson fork as they do on a billiard cue. to serve two masters at one and the same time. It isn't at all likely that the interests of the receivers of the gas company and the interests of the people of Kansas who were employing Mr. Dawson, as their attorney general. were identical. Indeed, in the very nature of things it is reasonable to Of course, it is essential that the suppose that they were antagonistic. governmental authorities give much It is regrettable, while this important if they felt confident of getting it. thought to the question of providing matter is occupying so much attention. the nation with an adequate defense, that Mr. Dawson is absent from the but a more important need in the state and not at hand to present his premises is a little action.

> If Great Britain gets the million head of beef cattle that she is said to want from the United States, what a perfectly grand excuse it will be for the American packers to boost the price of porterhouse steak for home consumption to four dollars a pound,

INSULTING WAR'S WOMEN AGAIN. More bunc of the "war-baby" fake variety. A granddaughter of Brigham Young has disclosed a "war-secret" to a San Francisco newspaper interview-Maybe these reports about the can- er. It is that the women of Europe means of repopulating that region

Vaughn Martin, Miser," makes the somes to pass excepting the sentines of the weather bureau, of course, of following thought-provoking comment tioneer is looking for. on forgiveness: "There is a French

ten, that if one could get the plot of once forgive everybody everything. and gentle ones remember. 'Tout sayoir, c'est tout pardonner.' Even The automobile salesmen hover 'round me more likely is it that to know everything is to find that there is nothing to forgive. But the proverb is not likely to be a present help in time of trouble; when you come to think of it, no proverb is,

# Journal Entries

Your own faults look as big to the other man as his do to you.

The high cost of living is undoubt-

edly a big boon for many a stomach.

A man disposed to be fair also stands a chance of getting the worst

If many folks had the chances of living their lives over again they'd In the eyes of mercenary men, the

# Jauhawker Jots

girl possessed of much money prob-ably has the most attractive figure.

A reflection in the Kensington Mir-cor: Few men live long enough to dis-cover how much their friends appreciate them.

According to the Pittsburg Headlight, the average girl is never satisfied. She isn't happy till some fellow comes along and makes her miserable. An optimist, explains the Havens-ville Review's "Man About Town," is ne who won't believe there is a core in an apple until he has eaten down

If more mothers, urges the Galena Times, would try keeping the flies off their babies and fewer higher culture pintments, the state would be bet-

The reason that the thir man hasn't so much fun poked at him as the lat man, explains the Columbus Advocate, he hasn't the good disposi-

"The Man on the Tower" of the Hardtner Press says that gossip is more damaging than war and more people are engaged in the conflict than in the European war, Local improvement note,

Hiawatha World: They say that a cerclub room in town will be able urn out some very good poker players in the near future. According to the Everest Enterprise, warm.

a 19-year-old boy is said to have the best wheat yield in Brown county. His name is Glen Eichelberger and he lives Whe near Morris. He had seven at the first year at farming on his own responsibility, his father having died last

Shrapnel, in the Wichita Eagle: is necessary sometimes to look twice in order to find out whether it is op-portunity or temptation that is knock-ing. \* \* And don't forget that it ing. \* And don't forget that it is a great deal easier to criticize the way the other fellow does a thing than it is to do it yourself. \* We He bought a touring car. ing any noise about it. \* \* A lot of fellows could own farms if they

### Globe Sights BY THE ATCHISON GLOBE.

Your own troubles are nearer, and ook larger than the other fellow's. If Dad can't agree with them the It is also possible, sometimes, to get

is done by those who want all the best

of it A lot of people who say they have quit reading the war news really never began. So many men are contrary that it

pleasant were it not for some of the reformers.

Not knocking prohibition, it may be said there have been too many wet towns this year.

Ab Adkins lived on a farm when a oy, and used to be glad to see school begin so he could get a little rest

# On the Spur of the Moment

Popularity.

by the score, And every day I find a touring car before

my door.

I get a ride or two each day, and sometimes three or four:

I don't think I was ever quite so popular before.

before.
The secret of it is explained. You see, it was this way:
My neighbor told a friend of his that he had heard me say
That possibly, if someone dies and leaves me rich, I may
Perchance consider buying me a runabout some day.

What's Our Idea of an Optimist? An optimist is a man who will cough \$2 for a ticket to an amateur violinists' concert.—W. L. T.

The champion optimist is a man who secures a divorce from one suffraget to marry another.—Constant

An optimist is a person who expects to get an 11-cent article in a 10-cent traveled automobile roads crossed.

There are many optimists, but none who equals the man who starts to raising chickens as a side line.—A. G. An optimist is a man who can get laugh out of a musical comedy.—

Theater Goer.
An optimist is a man who dyes his Mrs. Burton, Elsie Wayne had asnustache and can make himself be-ieve he is fooling anybody.—T. A. L. An optimist is a man who stops in sumed charge of the little wayside

In voice that's apt to si But still I think my neighb Would be glad if I d

Suggestions for Editorials.

The Effect of Movies on the Sale of Automobiles Wherein could be discussed the de-crease in sales caused by lack of time for riding among the movie fans and increase in sales to moving firms that like to depict the wrecking of automobiles

"The Result of Cold Weather on Matrimony."
In which the decrease in marriage caused by the inability of lovers whose parents object, to spoon comfortably can be compared to the increase re-

sulting from a desire to have a home of their own where they can keep "The Value of a Girl in an Editorial lace-trimmed apron.
"You may bring me," he said de-

Wherein can be sized up the relanear Morrill. He had seven acres that tive merits of an editorial staff kept from duty by frolicking with the so-acre and 40 acres bore a 23 ½ bushel ciety editor and one which loses much Just then he glanced up, and for a long moment they looked in each other's eyes before the girl's glance fell to the tablecloth.

It He used to go to church each week, Nor missed the Sunday School; To all the services he went, And never broke the rule.

## Evening Chat BY RUTH CAMERON.

Sentimental Least Common nominators.

A neighbor of ours has married tectable viand. again. The woman he has married It is also tough to have plenty of pare time and no spare change.

More men would marry for money

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Three trips sae made into the was to doubt the accuracy of all mirrors. Three trips sae made into the was to doubt the accuracy of all mirrors. When a woman insists on having butter and the pot of tea before the patron, again to serve him with the burned bit of toast on which was second.

If he is satisfied with the one how sprawled the yellow, leathery-looking question over which the neighborhood said in a tone of polite weariness.

"This one seems—er—rather over-

Of course one answer is obvious done."

Elsie carried out the unappetizing m automobile before one can afford enough—they appeal to different sides of his nature. Yet isn't there somelooking mess and cried over it in the thing more than that to the situation? kitchen. Then she essayed another— Isn't it possible that these women, who and met failure, and still anotherto us appear so different, have some failing again. The kitchen table was deeper likeness which we cannot see, a riot of broken eggshells and slices of which even the husband may be unconscious, and yet which has helped plexion.

Someone advanced this idea the oth- overdone eggs and eggs that looked is a wonder the hung jury isn't more or day and thence we drifted into a discussion as to whether this least fair specimen such as she had seen common denominator theory could be applied to our own past love affairs. a square of golden-brown toast rich How about it, reader friends, have the people that have attracted you from time to time been the same or different types? And if they have been of apparently different types has there been some least common denominator of similarity among them all?

the wheat speculators to force down the price of wheat to the producers. This happens to be the time, you know, when many of the wheat farmers are about ready to haul their this year's wheat to market.

Villa's willingness to join a movement to extablish peace in Mexico may also inclient the has reached the condition that he is near the end of his rope.

Another bunch of prophets who should retire permanently to the tall grass are those who were predicting during the late winter and early spring that the country's peach crop was adonested for the probabilities are the supposition.

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# CUBRENT SMALL TALK When I am out in company, I'm careful what I say, If venturing to make remarks On topics of the day.

My friends excite my wonder, awe, As glibly they converse, And brashly mention Langenfeldkopf, Travenanzes—or worse!

I sit in silence, must seem dull, When "Ammerertzyviller" they say, Quote General Yanovskevitch, In their familiar way. The war they settle out of hand; Of Krasnostav they talk, And Sedd-el-Bahr, and Ossowiec. As though they said "New York."

situated beneath a group of bending

willows at the point where two well-

room inside all done in blue and white,

with a border of willow-pattern plates.

In the absence of the proprietor,

the dusky maid, was enjoying

the process.
She stood there, pale and pretty in her spotless white frock with dainty

liberately, "some iced tea and some

"And you may bring me a poached egg on toast," he added, and, turning away his head, he looked out of the

There were underdone eggs and

Elsia Wayne always remembered at August afternoon as a perfect

an afternoon off.

groaned.

They praise Duke Nicolaivitch. And never fail to lug
Into their chat some reference to
That place they call "The Bug!"
—Ella A. Fanning, in the New York Times.

a pot of hot tea. How utterly stupid

Elsie vanished with the tea service and discovered Susanna's bottle of

iced tea in the refrigerator. She

white heart

It was a cosy little bungalow with gayly striped awnings and verandas "I think I've discovered the knack of doing it," she said.
"That's good," he said.

"Oh, bother!" pouted Elsie, as she went into the little kitchen, for Su-

ing it closely.
"Oh—Dick!" she sobbed softly. "I'm sorry we quarreled," pered; "that's why I came. Mrs. Buran afternoon off.

Presently Elsie returned to the room to discover a solitary man seated at one of the white-enameled tables. He was far from being an ill-looking specton telephoned she was going away and you were to keep shop for ner— and I couldn't stay away!" "But the motor races—"
"Pshaw!" Taking her other hand.

iment of masculinity. On the other hand, he was decidedly handsome, al-though his clean-cut features were sternly set. His dark head was bent "I believe I can make a perfect coached egg now. Dick," she smiled through her tears. "You shall have them every morning for breakfast." "Heaven forbid!" he groaned tragover the menu card, but Elsie noted that his hands were brown and well shaped. He wore white flannels, and ically. linen dust coat was thrown over a chair.

He did not glance up when Elsie placed a glass of water before him, although she spilled a few drops in

"I loathe 'em! Don't ask me why ! sent you back with your dreadful samples, darling! I just wanted the exquisite pleasure of ordering you around—because——" He paused to He paused to kiss her, "Why?" she asked again.

"Oh, because I know I shall be our slave the rest of my life!" he asserted.—(Copyright, 1915, by the Mc-Clure Newspaper Syndicate.)

## POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

[From the Chicago News.] Occasionally a promising young man pays.

Elsie hesitated and then marched Else hesitated and then marched stiffly off to the kitchen. Once there she shook her fist at the back of the "Poached egg! And it's the one par-ticular thing that I can't make!" she

The garrulous fool usually cuts his throat with his own tongue. What matter if a girl's complexion poor when her father is rich?

The etakettle was boiling and she proceeded to brew the tea in one of the little willow pattern china pots which matched the table service of the Happy is the youth whose crop of vild oats isn't worth harvesting tearoom.
Susanna's shining aluminum sauceing is wicked until he gets the short pans and pots were temptingly ar-rayed on hooks over the gas range;

there was an egg poacher, too, and Elsie proceeded to prepare the dearms.

Three trips she made into the teato doubt the accuracy of all mirrors.

If he is satisfied with the one how could he have been so devoted to the other and vice versa, is, as usual, the other and vice versa, is, asual vice versa, is, as usual, the other and vice versa, is, as us

who has ingenious methods of con- is tracting liabilities.

# Kansas Comment

some slices of lemon and poured the tea into a tall glass. "Thank you," he said nibbling at a YELLOWSTONE HOLDUPS. The only wonder about Yellowstone park holdups is that there are not white heart.

Elsie caught her breath as she went back to the kitchen.

She cleared a place on the table, set the egg peacher in its receptacle of boiling water, broke an egg into it, closed the lid and carefully toasted a slice of bread.

She almost discharge the lider of the slice of bread.

She almost shricked with joy when she laid the buttered toast on the little blue platter and slipped the pinky, white-flatmed poached egg flecked with pepper onto the toast.

She had achieved a triumph. It was even more beautiful than anything Susanna had ever accomplished.

The kitchen door swung behind her The Evening Story

The kitchen door swung behind her lithe young form; in her out-stretched hands she carried the silver tray and set before him the perfect poached egg.

The Willow Plate Tea Room was situated beneath a group of bending fillows at the point where two well-rayeled automobile roads crossed.

The kitchen door swung behind her visitor can thelp wondering why the drivers of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the duthorities that an occasional house at the more reported to the following visitor can thelp wondering why the drivers of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the duthorities that an occasional house at the wisitor can thelp wondering why the drivers of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the duthorities that an occasional house at the more visitor can the power of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the duthorities that an occasional house at the more visitor can the power of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the duthorities that an occasional house at the more visitor can the power of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the duthorities that an occasional house at the more visitor can the power of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the drivers of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the drivers of the coaches and busses are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the drivers of the coaches and occasional the power of the coaches are not permitted to carry arms to protect their passengers. Is it the idea of the drivers of the coaches are

A TOWN IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT. "That's good," he said,
"Hadn't you better eat it while it's make it. The town may have all the natural advantages possible, but if its hot?" she suggested.

He proceeded to eat slowly. Elsie watching each morsel as it vanished between his well-cut lips.

"Is it good?" she would ask, and always he nodded. When the blue platter was cleared he looked up suddenly.

"Once upon a time I was engaged to marry a girl. She was studying a town is happily peopled by alert and An optimist is a man who stops in front of a millinery window with his wife.—A. K. J.

An optimist is a man who cheerfully wife.—A. K. J.

An optimist is a man who cheerfully puts on his rubbers when the ship is sinking.—Reader.

The Victoria.

I cannot sing the old songs:
I do not need to try:
It was mid-afternoon in August. The motor races at Begloft had led the

# From Other Pens

NEWSPAPERS AND WAR The idea of the persons who accuse the papers of encouraging militarism seems to be that they would find war profitable in the increased demand for prolitable in the increased demand for news. This would not be the case, for, though they would sell more pa-pers, this would not mean increased profit for the profits of a 1-cent news-paper—and the majority of American dailies now belong to this class—are not in such sales, but in advertising and this would decrease in war time owing to the depression of business. The increase in circulation would, therefore, be more or less of an expense. This has been the experience of the London daily press, for while the news is so cersored that the readers do not yet full reports from the ers do not get full reports from the war, the pople continue to buy the papers freely in the hope, perhaps, of finding something of importance. But, so far as commercial benefit to them-selves is concerned, those papers have none of it on account of the war. It would be the same here. Also it may fairly be said of the American news-Enthusiasm is to a man what powler is to a bullet.

When members of a family quarret
The charge referred to is a slander
upon the near

PREACHING AND PRACTICE A preacher in Brooklyn, the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, the successor of Henry Ward Beecher and Ly-man Abbott at the ugly old Plymouth church, which is almost a national But a boy never realizes that fight; shrine, gave letters of recommendation to two nephews nine years ago.

He became a stockholder in a lumber company they floated, and his liability ture—yet they are often called to arms.

was of course limited to the amount of his stock. The enterprise was a failure. No one knows exactly how Every homely woman has a license much was involved, but Doctor Hillis, the stockholders to the call of the amount of one and two notes, the amount of Walter A student of human nature says and Doctor Hillis, with a publicity And many a man you wouldn't beleve under oath never faced a barender in his life.

A man of resources: Sometimes one
who has ingenious methods of conracting liabilities.

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who has ingenious methods of conracting liabilities. Wall Street Journal.



THE MORNING-GLORY'S JOY

Curled up tight in a morning-| The flower buds opened, the tairies glory bud, on a vine on the alley fence, there slept a tiny fairy. And as she slept, she dreamed a tiny dream about the sunrise.

The draw arm about the sunrise.

All things come to those who go fter them.

Morbid curiosity is what the auctioneer is looking for.

The trouble with the people who fraw comparisons is that they draw

Ideal was a thin face with deepset grey eyes has married a rosy-cheeked. The prominent production of the prominent and strength of the product of the pr happily.
Gently she stirred and

